

.... IN THE SOCIAL REALM

These diary leaves are emblems of your soul,
Spotless as snow and new as the new year!
Will they a twelvemonth hence low'r
There and here
With spite and spleen, or beam a cheerful
whole?
Each page will show you, too, how blank
The roll
Of my existence is when you're absent.
Let both a twelvemonth hence well-
filled appear—
With you, grown kind and willing to con-
sole.

No promise I exact, but if you'll say
That when the year is ended I may see
Your confidences to your diary,
(Or even, cruel, that perhaps I may!)
I'll know there is a scrap of hope for
me.
And find each new year path a primrose
way.

—Town Topics.

Lent falls very early in 1904, and, as
Lent falls early, the few weeks of the
season remaining after January 1st will
doubtless be very gay.

The winter weather in Richmond is
more severe as a rule during January and
February than during December, so
brilliances and cheer of drawing rooms
and cozy nooks where the debutantes in
pretty gowns are ready to welcome visitors
will seem doubly attractive.

The thoughts of the society folk gener-
ally turn southward early in the New
Year, and it is predicted that Florida and
other South Atlantic resorts will be very
full. Cruising in Southern waters with
congenial yachting parties is said to be
quite a fad of the present moment, and
one likely to be followed by many who
have the leisure, means and inclination
to carry it out.

The Leap Year features are certain to
be emphasized in the entertainments given
on New Year's evening and night, when
bachelor maids feel themselves entitled
to many special privileges and bachelors
themselves are shy and coy beyond belief.

Loe Richmond German Club will give
its Christmas dance to-morrow evening in
the Masonic Temple. This dance is
always attended with special and beau-
tiful figures, and is the most elegant of
the season.

Palm, Southern smile and American
beauties will give the beautiful and ap-
propriate decoration of the dance hall and
supper room. The Richmond debutante
list to attend will be largely added to by
the many pretty visitors who are in Rich-
mond during the holidays.

Patronesses of the evening will be:
Mrs. Levin Jones, Mrs. John Stewart
Bryan, Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Jr., Mrs.
James Allison, Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Mrs.
Aven Potts, Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr.,
Mrs. Edward J. Willis and Mrs. Thomas
H. Leary.

Among the gentlemen dancing will be:
Mr. C. J. Anderson, Mr. J. R. J. An-
derson, Mr. J. L. Antrim, Mr. E. C. Mayo,
Mr. W. S. P. Mayo, Mr. George M. Reid,
Mr. B. J. Willis, Mr. J. E. Palmer, Mr.
William H. Palmer, Jr., Mr. W. G. For-
guson, Mr. E. O. McCabe, Mr. R. B.
Campbell, Mr. John Currie, Mr. David
Currie, Colonel Jo Lane Stern, Mr. Thom-
as Bolling, Jr., Mr. A. C. McKenney, Mr.
Levin Jones, Mr. Joseph B. Willard, Mr.
J. E. Bryan, Mr. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mr.
B. B. Bickenship, Mr. W. O. Young,
Mr. Jonathan Bryan, Mr. J. W. Graves,
Mr. Allen Potts, Mr. W. Douglas Gordon,
Mr. E. T. Harrison, Mr. L. T. Myers, Mr.
A. W. Weddell, Mr. W. B. Chisholm, Mr.
J. W. Brander, Mr. J. P. Leary, Mr.
Hush Skilpith, Mr. P. St. George Cooke,
Mr. John M. Walker, Mr. J. T. Ruther-
ford, Mr. W. C. Noland, Mr. Pelham
Blackford, Mr. Joel S. Perrin, Mr. T. B.
McAdams, Mr. J. L. de Treville, Mr. R.
Carter Scott, Mr. Robert G. Conell, Mr.
G. Edwin Boykin, Mr. D. H. Lenke, Mr.
A. J. Battle, and Mr. G. C. Scott.

The dance of the Richmond Cotillon
Club is scheduled for Thursday next,
New Year's eve.

This club takes in a number of the
younger members of Richmond society,
many of whom are at home for the
Christmas holidays. The New Year's



MISS FANNY RAYMOND CLARK,
Of Louisville, Ky., whose wedding to Mr.
William Edward Hancock, formerly of
Richmond, Va., will be celebrated
January 12th in the home of the
bride's mother, Mrs. Louise
Clark, of East Broad-
way, Louisville.

German promises to be a beautiful ex-
ample of the holiday spirit in the gayest
celebration. Dancing will begin prompt-
ly at 9 o'clock.

Fowlkes—Richardson.

A very quiet wedding took place in the
parsonage parlors of St. James Methodist
Episcopal church, Wednesday evening,
December 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock.

The contracting parties were Mr. Wil-
liam T. Fowlkes, the son of Dr. E. F.
Fowlkes, of Chesterfield county,
and Miss Lee Richardson, the daughter
of Mrs. L. S. Richardson, of No. 605
North Twenty-sixth Street.

The ceremony was performed by the
Rev. W. A. Cooper, and was witnessed by
a number of friends and relatives. The
couple left immediately after the mar-
riage for the South, where they will
make their future home.

Golden Weddings.

Richmond society was much interested
last Monday in the golden wedding cele-
bration of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hickson,
whose marriage took place at the home
of the bride in this city December 21st,
1853, the Rev. Dr. Jeter at that time be-
ing the officiating clergyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickson removed from
Richmond to Canada, and thence to Bar-
nabur, from the Barnabur they re-
turned to Danville, and within the last
year they have come back to Richmond.
They are now established at No. 1512
Park Avenue, where the golden wedding
reception was held Monday afternoon
from 3 to 6 P. M.

The reception was presided by the



MISS ALICE MAY YOUSE.

Miss Alice May Youse, president of Shafter's College of Expression, Bal-
timore, is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. W. E. Thurston, prin-
cipal of the Richmond School of Expression. Miss Youse goes from here to
Atlanta to attend the Southern Educationists' Convention, being chairman of the
Programme Committee—daily sessions and evening entertainments Monday,
Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

lupation of the youngest grandchild of
Mr. and Mrs. Hickson, Thomas Martin,
Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H.
Martin, of Durham, N. C. The beautiful
baptismal rite was performed by the Rev.
John Y. Downman, of All Saints, in the
presence of the grandparents and of the
different members of their family, brought
together from several States by a final
desire to do honor to the anniversary.

The house was appropriately and ar-
tistically decorated in holly, mistletoe,
running cedar and white flowers, white
carnations and white roses, making par-
lors and halls fragrant and bright-like.
The bride couple stood to receive the
congratulations of their relatives and
friends in the front parlor.

Mrs. Hickson was gowned in black vel-
vet, worn with duchess lace and dia-
monds. Her flowers were bride's roses.

Assisting her were her daughters—
Mrs. Jas. L. Pritchett, in Champagne
crepe and pearls.

Mrs. T. H. Martin, in grey crepe and
diamonds.

Mrs. W. Ashby Jones, in white crepe
and diamonds.

Mrs. Clarence Huff, in black lace and
jet.

Miss Louise Hickson, in white chiffon
and diamonds.

Among the many lovely gifts received
by Mr. and Mrs. Hickson was a purse
containing \$500 in gold, given by the
eldest son, Jos. L. Hickson, of Minneapolis,
Minn.

The afternoon reception was followed
by an elaborate wedding dinner, given at
the Jefferson Hotel. A private dining-
room was decorated for the occasion. The
table was handsomely arranged with a
centerpiece of white carnations and roses,
fringed with maiden hair ferns. It was,
indeed, a pleasing sight to see such a
large number of smiling faces as were assembled
around the table. After all were seated,
the Rev. John Y. Downman read an in-
teresting letter received from Mr. Joseph
L. Tyack, of Danville, Va., the brother of
the bride, which contained the history of
this started the family going, and
as the wine began to flow, the members
of the family warmed up to the occasion
and gave toast after toast to the bride
and groom, also to the other members of
the family. It may safely be said that Mr.
and Mrs. Hickson are among the happiest
and youngest of couples who have cele-
brated golden weddings in this city.

Those present to dinner at the Jeffers-
on were: Mr. Jas. L. Hickson, Mr. Jos.
H. Hickson, and Miss Dorothy Hickson,
of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jas.
L. Pritchett, of Danville, Va.; Mr. and
Mrs. T. H. Martin and Miss Carrie Mar-
tin, of Durham, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs.
Ashby Jones and Ashby Jones, Jr., of
Wilmington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huff
and Clarence Huff, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C.;
Mr. Frank H. Hickson, of St. Michael,
Alaska; Mr. J. Cecil Hickson and Miss
Louise Hickson, of Richmond, Va.; Mr.
William Hickson, Jr., of Chester, S. C.;
Mr. Maurice B. Hickson and Miss Eliza-
beth Hickson, of Lynchburg, Va.; and
the Rev. John Y. Downman, of All Saints,
this city.

It rarely happens that a golden wed-
ding anniversary is kept with such happy
surroundings and so complete a rep-
resentation of those whose presence makes it
a life-long remembrance of joy.

The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Hickson
will make their future home here is a
distinct source of pleasure to their many
Richmond friends.

The Richmond Assembly.
At the opening dance of the Richmond
Assembly, given last Monday evening,
Miss Marion Elise Parkinson wore white
point d'esprit, tucked and accented with
a lace belt and corsage, bou-
quet of blue panna velvet leaves.

Miss Ruth Hubbard, in red embroidered
silk mull, berthe and skirt, trimming of
champane lace.

Miss Nellie Gordon, in pink crepe de
chine over pink silk.

Miss Helen Stevens, in white silk net,
embroidered in white chenille.

Miss Lillian Blinniford, in pink silk
mousseline, inserted with lace.

Miss Louise Herbert, in white mull,
worn over blue silk, blue ribbons and
girdle.

Miss Gladys Frazier, in peach blossom
pink crepe de chine, shirred and trim-
med with pink chiffon; a berthe of cham-
pagne-colored gauze, ruffled with pink
ribbon.

Miss Bland Smith, in white point
d'esprit, with white ribbons.

Miss Margaret Cropper Watkins, in
black net embroidered with jet and
trimmed with chiffon.

Miss Annie Morris, in white organdie,
trimmed with lace, white ribbons, and
Miss Fontaine, in white mull and pale
blue ribbons.

Miss Elizabeth Brander, in black silk
mull, inserted with lace, over white, and
a Dresden girdle.

Miss Nancy Cooke, in blue organdy over
blue silk; a girdle of blue liberty satin.

Mrs. George W. Stevens, in ceru lace
robe over satin.

Miss Lily Hill, in white embroidered

Special Notice.

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honor of Mrs. Hamilton's debutante
daughter, Miss Ruth Hubbard, Mrs. Ham-
ilton and Miss Hubbard will receive un-
assisted.

The house will be beautifully decorated
by Hammond, in Christmas colors,
Southern smile, foris, mistletoe, Amer-
ican Beauties and white roses embod-
ying the Christmas idea.

Miss Sophie White and Miss Mary
Bewine will preside at the punch bowl.

The Woman's Club.

The parlors of the Woman's Club pre-
sent a very attractive appearance, deco-
rated, as they are, in Christmas greenery,
the flash of holly berries showing redly
against the polish of mahogany.

Dr. Winchester, of the Wesleyan Uni-
versity, Middletown, Conn., where he oc-
cupies the chair of literature, will give a
lecture at the club to-morrow evening at
8:30 o'clock, his subject reverting to the
Elizabeth Age and Letters in England,
with life at Ludlow Castle.

Although Mrs. Winchester will accom-
pany her husband on his Southern trip,
The Doctor is a man of great culture
and talent, and his appearance at the
Woman's Club is one of the most not-
able of the season's literary events.

On the afternoon of December 31st Dr.
Robert Herndon Mife, also of Wesleyan
University, will give a lecture on "Will-
iam Tell." Dr. Mife will reach Richmond
next Tuesday and be the guest of Mrs.
R. T. Hunter while he is here. He has
visited the club on a former occasion,
when he described "Woman's Work in
the German Universities." The pleasant
impression he made then will bespeak a
cordial welcome for him this week.

Christmas Festivities.

Christmas was kept in merry fashion
at the Executive Mansion, where Gov-
ernor and Mrs. Montague gave a german
to the young ladies who participated in
the drill at the Confederate fair last
spring.

Governor and Mrs. Montague were as-
sisted in doing the honors of the evening
by Mrs. Jeanette C. Hoskins and Mrs.
W. H. Lipscomb, of Danville.

Colonel Jo. Lane Stern led the ger-
man. Those who participated were:
Misses Page Royall, Cora Younger, Ella
Hammond, Julia Jones, Bessie Jackson,
Rosa Satterfield, Julia Osterloh, Elsie
Lindsey, Anita Cussens, Mary Butler,
Ellen Witt, Lissa Archer, Juliet Keith,
Ellen Anderson, Ida Fleming, Nannie
Selden, Katherine Watkins, Dora Crump,
Fannie Warwick, Hattie Shields, Carrie
Renolds.

Messrs. Venable Seddon, Leslie Jen-
nings, Tom Brockenbrough, Meredith
Montague, William Price, Jack Gordon,
Rosa Satterfield, Fred Campbell, Ben
Diek Osterloh, Frank Skelton,
Orwin Chalkley, Frank Christian,
Charles Watkins, Brooke Jones, John
James, Wilbur Crump, Nelson Robins,
Irving Blair, Addison Rennolds, Thomas
Grundy, Charlie Stokes, Herbert Claiborne,
Wyndham Sutton, Robert Daniel.

Miss Gay Montague, the daughter of
Governor and Mrs. Montague, gave a
phantom party last evening to a num-
ber of her juvenile friends. The evening
was the occasion of much mirth and mer-
riment. Among those present were:
Misses Belle Willard, Cary Valentine,
Elizabeth Cooke, Dorothy Christian, Nan-
nie Patton, Ellie Wingfield, Eleanor Lyle,
of the University of Virginia; Jane Moore,
Mary Saunders, Kathleen Munford, Vir-
ginia and Fannie Tyler, Elizabeth Davis,
of Petersburg; Jennette Dudley, of West

Burwell Carter and Miss Zedie Branch.

The Virginia friends of Miss McIntosh
and Mr. Vaughan will be pleased to
reading the following announcement,
taken from a recent issue of the At-
lanta Constitution, which says:

Cards are out announcing the en-
gagement of Miss Cora B. McIntosh,
of Quittman, Ga., to Benjamin Logan
Vaughan, of Charlottesville, the marriage
ceremony to take place at the home of
the bride's parents, in Quittman, on the
evening of January 20th, 1909.

This announcement will occasion much
interest throughout the State, owing to
the prominence and popularity of the
contracting parties. The bride-elect is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick C.
McIntosh, of Quittman. She is a very
lovely and attractive young woman and
has been much admired since her en-
trance into society. Mr. Vaughan is one
of the most popular young business men
of Charlottesville, and is receiving the con-
gratulations of his many friends on his
good fortune.

At the Sewing School.

The Christmas celebration of Brook
Avenue Sewing School, which was ap-
pointed for Monday afternoon of Decem-
ber 23rd, is postponed to Thursday after-
noon, December 31st, at 4 o'clock sharp.
Parents of the girls are cordially invited
to be present.

Captain and Mrs. J. H. Cline will be
pleased to receive their friends inform-
ally at their home, No. 3013 East Main
Street, on December 29th, from 5 to 11
P. M., when they will celebrate the
twenty-fifth anniversary of their wed-
ding. No presents expected.

News received in Richmond in regard
to the death in New York of Mrs. Vir-
ginia Brander Matthews, the mother of
Professor Brander Matthews, the author,
recalls the fact that Mrs. Matthews was
the daughter of the late James S.
Brander, who married in Petersburg,
Va., and lived there for some time, go-
ing afterwards to New Orleans, where
Mrs. Matthews was born in 1826.

She married Edward Matthews, re-
sident of New York in 1858, where she
has since lived. She was a woman of
many attractions and great accomplish-
ments. She bequeathed much of her
talent to her son, who is a brilliant
writer.

Personal Mention.

Right Honorable Sir Horace Plunkett,
Ireland's great philanthropist, is the
guest of Mr. John M. Higgs at his
home on Governor Street.

Miss Eloise Bruce's calendar has been
most favorably noticed by the leading
New York newspapers. The New York
World, in referring to it says: On the
counters at Dutton's Brentano's and else-
where are shown the unique and hand-
some Southern calendars designed by
Miss Eloise Bruce. Among them the
"Golden Daisies Series" may be found
especially attractive for the strength of
its drawings. There are four illuminated
calendar cards in this series, and each
is backed by a card of quotations from
"Uncle Remus," and from the stories
of Virginia Frazier Boyle, Thomas Nelson
Page and others.

Miss Helen Christian, who has been
taking a delightful fourteen months' trip
around the world, returned Friday eve-
ning in time to spend the holidays in
Richmond.

Miss Christian went from California
to Japan with a party of friends and
spent many months with them in the
Orient and elsewhere, coming back in
their company to San Francisco and
thence home again, where her friends are
delighted to see her again.

Mrs. W. Wallace Rowe has returned to
the city from Crozet, Va., where she has
spent some months at the bedside of her
mother, who is in bad health.

Mr. Payette Ball has returned to the
city improved in health, after an ab-
sence of six months spent in the moun-
tains.

Miss Evelyn Vaughan, recalled here as
Miss Evelyn Brown, a member of Mr.
George Fawcett's company, playing
"Othello," is very popular and well
known in Richmond as a member of Mr.
Fawcett's Bijou stock company here
last winter.

Lieutenant Lucian Carr, of the battle-
ship Oregon, came up from Norfolk, Va.,
to spend Christmas Day with the family
of Dr. Marrey. He was a member of the
Marrey household during some time spent
in Richmond with the W. R. Trigg Com-
pany.

Miss Helen Dickinson is spending the
holidays with relatives in Pensacola,
Florida.

Mr. Fletcher Dance, of Prince Edward
county, is in the city, spending the hol-
idays with his sister, Mrs. James Scott,
and his uncle, Mr. John H. Reed.

Mrs. R. M. Gilbert, of New York, her
governess and two little daughters, ar-
rived this morning. They will be the
guests of Mrs. Gilbert's mother, Mrs.
D. T. Williams, at No. 210 East Franklin
Street.

Mrs. Gilbert is charmingly remem-
bered here as Miss Annie Williams.

The wedding of Miss Maude Wilkinson
to Mr. Woodville A. Page will take place
Tuesday evening, January 5th, in the
home of the bride's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. C. C. Wilkinson, of No. 8 South
Pine Street.

The hour of the marriage will be at 7,
and the Rev. Dr. W. J. Young, of Cen-
tenary Methodist Church, will perform
the ceremony, witnessed by relatives
and a few intimate friends.

Miss Wilkinson is a young lady much
admired for her many attractions and her
superior attainments. Mr. Page is as-
sociated in business with the firm of E. W.
Gates and Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Flannagan and
children, of Montclair, N. J., are the
Christmas guests of Mrs. Flannagan's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Coke, of
No. 7 West Franklin Street.

Miss Annie Williams and Miss Lela
Crump are spending the Christmas hol-
idays in Powhatan.

Miss Jennie T. Gates is spending the
holidays at her home, No. 1426 Floyd
Avenue.

Major C. C. Tallaferra and daughter,
Miss Lizzie Tallaferra, of Roanoke, Va.,
are the visitors of Mrs. Thomas Brander
for a week.

Mr. Dewitt Jennings, recalled in Rich-
mond by his association with Mr. Faw-
cett's Bijou stock company last winter,
is now a member of Mr. Fawcett's com-
pany playing "Othello."

Important Committees.

There will be no meeting of either of
the main bodies of the Council during the
coming week, but the City Hall will in-
tervene with a number of important
committee meetings. Following is the
schedule so far as it has been made out:
Mrs. Morton, P. M.; P. M. S. P. M.;
P. M. S. P. M.; P. M. S. P. M.; P. M. S.
Investigation, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.;
Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Mr. Morris Not so Well.

Mr. R. P. Morris, who has been so
long ill at his home on North Seventh
Street, was not feeling so well last night,
and his condition was not alarmingly
worse.

Half-Price Sale of Suits.

At \$5 Suits, Formerly \$10.

Going through our Suit stock, we have picked out all odds
and ends, in broken sizes and colors, hardly two styles alike, but
although they make full range in sizes. They are Suits that sold
formerly at \$10 and some up to \$15, and comprise Cheviots,
Meltons and Homespuns, in black, blue, castor and gray. An ex-
traordinary opportunity for low-down prices.

Cut in Coat Prices.

Three-quarter length Coat of fine castor Kersey, military cape
stole front, new puff sleeve; entire garment satin lined; a coat
that sold readily all season for \$15, special \$10.00
at.....

Girls' Coats Greatly Reduced.

At \$1.69 Girl's Recker, Formerly \$2.50.

Of warm and serviceable Melton cloth, double-breasted turn-
back cuffs, sizes 6 to 14 years; colors, red, blue and tan.

At \$2.98 Walking Coats, Formerly \$4.95.

Of best quality Velveteen, large, round collar, trimmed in cream lace
and attached in white, to fit children two to six years.

At \$3.98 Long Coats, Formerly \$5.00.

Of warm and serviceable cloth, new puff sleeve and turnover collar; an ex-
cellent school garment; colors castor and blue; sizes eight to fourteen years;
former price, \$5.00.

At \$6.50 Girl's Coat, Formerly \$9.50.

A Very Dressy Coat of best quality cloth, large, fancy collar, inlaid in vel-
vet and trimmed in fancy braid, in blue and castor.

At \$7.50 Military Coat, Formerly \$10.00.

Of best quality Zibeline, large cape, bound in velvet and
trimmed in fancy braid and brass buttons, sizes 8 to 14 years; a
very stylish girl's coat.

At \$1.50 French Flannel Waists, Formerly \$3.75.

In many colors and several styles, some tucked in large tucks,
trimmed with brass buttons; others tucked, hemstitched or em-
brodered; only 30 of these excellent Waists left; make your
choice early.

All Our Trimmed Hats Reduced to Half Prices.

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